

## A WOMAN OF NOTE

Mrs. Mary E. Hart is "First Lady of Land" in Alaska.

Journalist, Lecturer, Editor, Club Woman and Organizer.

SOLD PAPERS AND DUG GOLD

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A Friend of Indians and Novelists' Characters.

Mrs. Mary E. Hart, whom Alaskans call "the first lady in the land," is in Topeka today, the guest of Mrs. Chas. F. Adams at the H. H. Hazlett home, 1218 Fillmore street. Journalist, lecturer, editor, club woman, organizer, Mrs. Hart has made good. She has worked with her brain and her fingers. She has dug gold. She has sold papers and typed stories in the wastes of northern snows. She has fulfilled the dreams she had when she was a small girl and penned poetry.



Mrs. Mary E. Hart, president of the Alaska Cruise club, lecturer, journalist, author, one of the most interesting women of the North Pacific coast, who is stopping in Topeka today.

She knows Chex and all the other characters in Rex Beach's stories. She has seen the "Silver Horde" and followed the "Iron Trail." And to talk with her is a liberal education. When Mrs. Hart was 11 years old she wrote "Lament to Summer," and it published in the "Young Folks" and determined to devote her life to verse. Reconsidering when—according to herself—she found she couldn't rhyme, she decided to become a journalist.

Newspaper people, as one of them will tell you, are born not made. Mrs. Hart was born under a journalistic star. Having discovered this, she read and studied and wrote. She worked on Pacific dailies, edited the Pacific Monthly, and, when her health failed, and her physician ordered her north, decided to act as Alaskan correspondent for a year and a half.

The story of her first financial venture in the land now her home is interesting.

Sold Papers in North. "Mrs. Hart, if you're going north," said the managing editor of the Los Angeles Herald, "can't you take a bunch of papers with you, and see how they'll sell?"

Mrs. Hart was dubious. The managing editor consulted with the circulation manager and the two tied 11 Sunday editions in a bundle, shipped them with Mrs. Hart's luggage, and charged them to her—two and one-half cents per paper.

Mrs. Hart landed in Alaska, seated on her newspapers drenched by the cold salt sea. They had served her as a chair; she expected an end to their utility. Three young fellows stood on the dock.

"California papers," gasped one. "Give you ten cents apiece for 'em, lady."

"Fifteen," cried the second youth. "Twenty-five, and I'll take the bunch," begged the third boy, "cash down."

Fifteen minutes later he was jubilantly calling his wares: "Los Angeles Paper! Only fifty cents a sheet."

Prospected for Gold. Mrs. Hart remitted two and a half cents to the circulation manager and began her work in Alaska, encouraged by her first minutes in the new land. She set about to learn the Eskimo language, she prospected, dug gold, had the nuggets bound in a chain, wrote her papers about it, "covered" a public execution and made friends with the Indians.

She tells about the state of Alaska, a chief who liked tinned meats and remarked briefly when he first heard a phonograph, "Squaww afraid!" (The other Indians had fled in terror.) "No! No! Eat, cadid!" (Hear canned missionary.)

This was in 1900 when the first gold seekers were landing at Nome. Mrs. Hart was joined by her husband, Judge Hart, who practiced in Alaska and is buried there. Having claved gold with her bare hands, Mrs. Hart now owns a mine as well as a ranch. She has organized clubs among the Eskimoes; lectured for the Pacific Coast Steamship company; acted as organizer in the government service, department of the interior; had charge of the Alaska Cruise club's rooms at the St. Louis fair and the Alaska-Yukon fair at Seattle; she is president of this club, whose membership includes Sir Thomas Lipton, Jack London, Rex Beach and John Muir; the naturalist, she will visit Rose Hartwick Thorpe, who wrote "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight" when she was sixteen.

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Fassler is playing Stimson, a local man this morning and the odds are in favor of the Topeka man by a large margin. This will put Fassler in the semi-finals this afternoon and he will have to play the winner of the Sterling-Chamberlain match.

Joe Wilson of Topeka still is in the running and is playing the third round with Griffith of Wichita. Wilson has recovered his old time form and is improving rapidly. If he can keep up his old form he has a chance to defeat the Wichita man but if he falters once there will be no chance.

Only One "Bromo Quinine" To get the genuine, call for name Laxative Bromo Quinine. Look for signature of E. W. Groves. Cures a cold in one day. 35c.—Adv.

## TODAY'S MARKET REPORTS.

Chicago, June 25.—WHEAT—Wheat plunged downward again today, breaking through yesterday's low level which was under any previous record in eight years. Speculators and receiving houses were on the selling side and there seemed to be no demand except at a discount. Futures were weak and harvest reports were super. The opening which ranged from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 up, was followed by a sharp break all day.

Later a decided rally took place owing to the country to some extent having stopped selling. It was said also that the saturation point had been reached in the spring crop states. The close was firm, 1/2 to 3/4 up, above last night.

CORN—Corn surged owing to weakness of wheat. There were reports showing the bread cereal was being used extensively as feed and was curtailing the demand for the coarser grain. After opening a shade to 1/4 lower, the market continued steady.

Lowest offers from Argentina this season increased the heaviness of the market and so also did St. Louis reports of rain breaking the drought, closing prices were steady, 1/4 to 1/2 lower.

OATS—Storm damage reports made oats relatively steady. Nevertheless, prices displayed some sympathy with the decline in other grain.

PROVISIONS—Provisions sagged, in part by the depression in the neighboring pits. A little firmness early due to scantiness of hog receipts was only of a temporary character.

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